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## **OPA Daily Digest for 9/23/13**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Rep. Ann Wagner** (Mo.) 9/18/13. Requests an update/briefing on the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 9/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Billy Long** (Mo.) 9/17/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done on the Oronogo remediation project. Due: 10/2/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Tim Huelkamp** (Kan.) 9/17/13. Requests information on EPA's guidance for enforcing the SPCC rule after 9/23. Due: 9/18/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

**Rep. Bill Otto** (Mo): 9/17/13: Questions on sources of radioactive isotopes at Westlake site. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

### **Press Inquiries:**

**KMOX Radio, St. Louis** – Kevin Killeen – 9/20/13: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site at Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**Des Moines Register** – Donnelle Eller – 9/23/13: Questions about a decision by the U.S. District Court of Eastern Louisiana against EPA regarding nitrogen and phosphorous pollution were referred to HQ. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

### **Environmental Stories:**

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Republic Services to build firebreak at Bridgeton Landfill** - 9/20/13 - The owner of a north St. Louis County landfill is declaring trench warfare on a waste fire that's been burning deep underground for almost three years to ensure it doesn't reach World War II-era radioactive waste buried nearby.  
[http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/republic-services-to-build-firebreak-at-bridgeton-landfill/article\\_cba4b0dd-4afc-5259-8985-6f8b740c85af.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/republic-services-to-build-firebreak-at-bridgeton-landfill/article_cba4b0dd-4afc-5259-8985-6f8b740c85af.html)

**KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Bridgeton Landfill officials plan cap, isolation wall work (+video)** - 9/20/13 - Bridgeton Landfill will soon receive a cap over its north quarry as well as an isolation barrier between it and West Lake Landfill. <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/398882/3/Officials-plan-to-install-cap-isolation-wall-at-Bridgeton-Landfill->

**KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - Firebreak will be built at Bridgeton Landfill** - 9/21/13 - Additional action will be taken to stop the spread of an underground fire at the troubled Bridgeton

Landfill. Owner Republic Services has agreed to put in an isolation barrier, basically a ditch, which will act as a fire break. <http://fox2now.com/2013/09/21/firebreak-will-be-built-at-bridgeton-landfill/>

**KMOX Radio St. Louis - Landfill Owner Agrees to Dig Trench Between Burning Trash and Radioactive Waste** - 9/20/13 - The owner of the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill is agreeing to dig a ditch to stop an underground trash fire from reaching radioactive waste buried at the nearby West Lake Landfill. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/09/20/bridgeton-landfill-owner-agrees-to-dig-fire-trench/>

**St. Louis Public Radio - Republic Services To Build Firebreak Between Radioactive Waste And Smoldering Bridgeton Landfill** - 9/20/13 - The company that owns the Bridgeton Landfill has changed its plans for keeping an underground fire at the site from spreading to nearby radioactive waste. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/republic-services-build-firebreak-between-radioactive-waste-and-smoldering-bridgeton-landfill>

**KMOV Ch. 4 St. Louis - Landfill owners agree to build barrier against fire in Bridgeton** - 9/20/13 - The owners of the Bridgeton Landfill have announced a major decision concerning the fire burning underground. Republic Services said it will not wait to be ordered to add a new barrier between the smoldering fire and the neighboring West Lake Landfill. <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Landfill-owners-agree-to-build-barrier-against-fire-in-Bridgeton-224661531.html>

**St. Louis Business Journal - EPA carbon rules hit coal companies** - 9/23/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency issued its draft regulations outlining limits on carbon emissions from new power plants last week, and the stocks of leading coal companies such as Peabody Energy and Arch Coal responded. [http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning\\_call/2013/09/epa-carbon-rules-hit-coal-companies.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/09/epa-carbon-rules-hit-coal-companies.html)

**The News-Leader, Springfield, Mo. - City Utilities near deal for biggest 'solar farm' in Missouri** - 9/23/13 - With the cost of producing solar energy dropping and environmental regulations on the horizon, City Utilities has reached an agreement on the construction of the state's largest solar farm. <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20130923/NEWS01/309230017/1264/>

**KCAU-TV Ch. 9 Sioux City, Iowa - Iowa DNR & EPA Agree To Better Enforce Manure Management, Clean Water (+video)** - 9/22/13 - For the sake of the environment and clean water for everyone, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has struck up a deal with the Environmental Protection Agency. <http://www.kcautv.com/story/23497754/iowa-dnr-epa-agree-to-better-enforce-manure-management>

**Cedar Rapids Gazette (Iowa) - EPA releases August biodiesel production figures** - 9/21/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reported a record pace for year-to-date production of biodiesel. For the month of August, the EPA reported 148 million gallons of biodiesel production. <http://thegazette.com/2013/09/21/epa-releases-august-biodiesel-production-figures/>

**Kansas Interfaith Power & Light - Kansas IPL Lauds New EPA Safeguards for Power Plants as Protecting Creation (release)** - 9/20/13 - Kansas Interfaith Power & Light (Kansas IPL), and member congregations across the state stand in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal for carbon pollution safeguards on new power plants. <http://kansasipl.org/2013/09/kansas-ipl-lauds-new-epa-safeguards-for-power-plants-as-protecting-creation/>

**Associated Press - South Platte flooding sets records in North Platte, Brady** - 9/22/13 - Record flooding continues in western and central Nebraska as the water that inundated Colorado flows east. The National Weather Service said the South Platte River rose to 14.2 feet in North Platte to set a new record Sunday. [http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/south-platte-flooding-sets-records-in-north-platte-brady/article\\_af6d8639-8fe6-53a4-a63a-166e9377d8c8.html](http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/south-platte-flooding-sets-records-in-north-platte-brady/article_af6d8639-8fe6-53a4-a63a-166e9377d8c8.html)

**St. Joseph News-Press - Energizer closing Maryville plant** - 9/22/13 - The imminent closing of the Energizer battery plant in Maryville hasn't deterred officials in Nodaway County in their efforts to blunt an already steep unemployment rate. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/small-missouri-town-prepares-for-energizer-closing/article\\_4c8cc4ce-f271-5eb5-af09-81029ff424f4.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/small-missouri-town-prepares-for-energizer-closing/article_4c8cc4ce-f271-5eb5-af09-81029ff424f4.html)

**Lincoln Journal-Star - Keystone XL critic warns of climate impact** - 9/22/13 - When he went to Canada to look at the proposed point of origin for the Keystone XL pipeline, author Sam Avery got what he describes as "the company tour" from TransCanada. <http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/keystone-xl-critic-warns-of-climate->

[http://www.impact/article\\_981cfcd9-8591-5f7f-b9ed-902a03506d91.html](http://www.impact/article_981cfcd9-8591-5f7f-b9ed-902a03506d91.html)

**Grand Island Independent (Neb.) - Nearly all off-site RDX contamination gone** - 9/21/13 - Only one small area of RDX contamination remains in Grand Island off the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant site — and it registers just barely above the safe drinking water standard. [http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/nearly-all-off-site-rdx-contamination-gone/article\\_6df96204-2320-11e3-84d5-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/nearly-all-off-site-rdx-contamination-gone/article_6df96204-2320-11e3-84d5-001a4bcf887a.html)

**The Daily Gate City, Keokuk, Iowa - Carbon tax will raise prices, cut jobs** - 9/20/13 - Every few years, environmentalists resuscitate tired claims about the economic and environmental benefits of taxing carbon dioxide emissions. As usual, the facts tell a much different story. [http://www.dailygate.com/opinion/article\\_07160520-e37f-574d-9997-8df9002568b1.html](http://www.dailygate.com/opinion/article_07160520-e37f-574d-9997-8df9002568b1.html)

**Grand Island Independent (Neb.) - Platte Institute report says pipeline good for Nebraska** - 9/21/13 - “The Keystone XL pipeline would improve the economy of Nebraska and its local communities.” That is the first line from the conclusions reached in a six-page Policy Brief prepared by the Platte Institute for Economic Research. [http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/platte-institute-report-says-pipeline-good-for-nebraska/article\\_9173200e-227a-11e3-9873-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/platte-institute-report-says-pipeline-good-for-nebraska/article_9173200e-227a-11e3-9873-001a4bcf887a.html)

**Ottawa Herald (Kan.) - \$600K federal grant to help Ottawa redevelop contaminated properties** - 9/20/13 - The Ottawa community will have an opportunity to use federal money to redevelop vacant lots and dilapidated properties to create new jobs and increase the city's tax base, a KDHE official said Wednesday. <http://ottawaherald.com/news/092113grant#sthash.U2tynKkb.dpuf>

**The Journal (Webster University, Mo.) - Webster Groves to increase green energy usage** - 9/17/13 - Webster Groves will work to make three percent of its total energy consumption citywide “green” by May. Webster Groves City Council voted to participate in this challenge in the spring. This goal is part of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Green Power community status. <http://websterjournal.com/2013/09/17/webster-groves-to-increase-green-energy-usage/>

**Associated Press - Pollution rule hurts coal, helps other sources** - 9/20/13 - Tough new limits on the amount of heat-trapping emissions new power plants can emit will likely accelerate a shift away from coal-fired power and toward electricity generated with natural gas, wind, and sunshine. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/national-and-international/pollution-rule-hurts-coal-helps-other-sources/article\\_16932ce3-fb9e-57d7-a9a4-6e5f3dd5334d.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/national-and-international/pollution-rule-hurts-coal-helps-other-sources/article_16932ce3-fb9e-57d7-a9a4-6e5f3dd5334d.html)

**Des Moines Register - Obama moves to cut pollution with carbon emission edict** - 9/21/13 - Environmentalists applauded the Obama administration's move Friday requiring new power plants to cut carbon pollution, but some business groups warned the action could push consumer prices higher and make U.S. manufacturers less competitive. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130921/BUSINESS/309210043/1001/>

**Midwest Energy News - Report: Old business models holding back clean-energy shift** - 9/23/13 - While cost and technological barriers are commonly seen as the primary factors holding back clean energy, a new report says outdated utility business models are the real culprit. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/09/23/report-old-business-models-holding-back-clean-energy-shift/>

**NPR - EPA Gives Coal-State Democrats A Chance To Sound Republican** - 9/22/13 - For Democrats running in coal-producing states like Kentucky and West Virginia, the Environmental Protection Agency's new limits on greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants provide a carboniferous chance to demonstrate independence from President Obama. <http://www.npr.org/blogs/itsallpolitics/2013/09/22/224542004/epa-gives-coal-state-democrats-a-chance-to-sound-republican>

**New York Times - Editorial: An Important Step on Global Warming** - 9/22/13 - On Friday, the Obama administration proposed the first-ever federal limits on power plant emissions of carbon dioxide. Our advice to Mr. Obama and his new E.P.A. administrator, Gina McCarthy, is to ignore industry's usual claim that the sky is falling and push ahead. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/23/opinion/an-important-step-on-global-warming.html>

**New York Times - Challenges Await Plan to Reduce Emissions** - 9/20/13 - The Obama administration's potentially pathbreaking proposal for carbon emission limits on new power plants will face political and legal challenges from opponents who argue that the technology needed has not been close to being proven as the law requires. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/21/business/energy-environment/challenges-await-plan-to-reduce-emissions.html>

**USA Today - EPA proposes strict emission limits on new power plants** - 9/20/13 - The coal industry says the required anti-pollution technology is too costly, but proponents say it's needed to fight climate change. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/09/19/epa-limits-emissions-coal-power-plants-carbon-capture-technology/2838391/>

**Forbes - Editorial: EPA Head Admits Being Clueless About Any Obama Climate Plan Benefits** - 9/22/13 - Let's finally get it straight. Carbon dioxide isn't a dangerous "pollutant"... it's a natural and essential plant food. The real dangers to public health and welfare are the economic destruction, job elimination and escalating costs of food, energy and other essentials resulting from scientifically-unwarranted policies. The greatest burdens of such sophistry fall upon those who can least afford them. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/larrybell/2013/09/22/epa-head-admits-being-clueless-about-any-obama-climate-plan-benefits/2/>

**Forbes - What Is Really At Stake In The Republican Party's Subpoena Of EPA Data** - 9/22/13 - As with climate change, the science regarding the health effects of air pollution is difficult enough to get right without amplifying the confusion by imposing politics on it. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/geoffreykabat/2013/09/23/what-is-really-at-stake-in-the-republican-partys-subpoena-of-epa-data/2/>

**Wall Street Journal - Should the U.S. Finance Alternative-Energy Startups?** - 9/22/13 - After some well-publicized failures, two experts debate whether the federal government should play this role. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324665604579078933691163714.html>

**American Thinker - Report from the 'War on Coal'** - 9/23/13 - A major project has been quietly underway, within the executive branch of the U.S. government, trying to calculate a "social cost of carbon" (SCC) -- a so-called "non-market externality" (i. e., not captured by the normal price system of a free market). This calculated cost would then be imposed on all government programs in order to "fix" the price system -- so they say. [http://www.americanthinker.com/2013/09/report\\_from\\_the\\_war\\_on\\_coal.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2013/09/report_from_the_war_on_coal.html)

**Fox News - Top Ky. Dem. challenging McConnell: 'deeply' disappointed about Obama's coal regs** - 9/22/13 - The leading Kentucky Democrat trying to unseat Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell is running from an Obama administration proposal Friday to tighten regulation on the coal industry -- a vital part of her state's economy. <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/09/21/top-dem-to-oust-mcconnell-deeply-disappointed-about-obama-coal-regs/>

**Fox News --EPA Chief: Global Warming One of Most Significant Public Health Threats of our Time** -- 9/22/13 - EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the National Press Club: "Climate change -- caused by carbon pollution -- is one of the most significant public health threats of our time, That's why EPA has been called to action." <http://nation.foxnews.com/2013/09/22/epa-chief-global-warming-%E2%80%98one-most-significant-public-health-threats-our-time%E2%80%99#ixzz2ficYhbaj>

**Reuters - Analysis: U.S. industry sees carbon-capture as legal chink in EPA rules** - 9/20/13 - Faced with the Obama administration's new crackdown on power plant emissions, the coal and electric utility industry is honing a legal strategy it believes could derail the measures. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/09/20/us-usa-energy-emissions-analysis-idUSBRE98J0Q620130920>

**Nature - Journal editors trade blows over toxicology** - 9/20/13 - Dozens more researchers this week joined the fray in a row over how regulators should assess the risks of potentially dangerous chemicals used in everything from plastics to pesticides. <http://www.nature.com/news/journal-editors-trade-blows-over-toxicology-1.13787>

**Glen Falls Post Star (N.Y.) - Studies paint darker picture of PCBs** - 9/19/13 - Several recent studies suggest the negative health effects of PCBs could be worse and more widespread than previously believed, with connections being drawn in recent studies to everything from changes in bird behavior to child development. [http://poststar.com/news/local/studies-paint-darker-picture-of-pcbs/article\\_cd987db4-217a-11e3-ae01-0019bb2963f4.html](http://poststar.com/news/local/studies-paint-darker-picture-of-pcbs/article_cd987db4-217a-11e3-ae01-0019bb2963f4.html)

**New York Times (blog) - The Arsenic in Our Drinking Water** - 9/20/13 - The baby with the runny nose, the infant with a stubborn cough -- respiratory infections in small children are a familiar family travail. Now scientists suspect that these ailments -- and many others far more severe -- may be linked in part to a toxic element common in drinking water. <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/09/20/the-arsenic-in-our-drinking-water/>

**Wired - Arsenic Nation** - 9/21/13 - For my New York Times column, Poison Pen, I wrote this week about arsenic in drinking water, or more specifically on the increasing scientific awareness that this element - odorless, tasteless -- is slowly being revealed as major public health threat. <http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2013/09/arsenic-nation/>

**Chemical & Engineering News - Congress Debates Climate Action Plan** - 9/23/13 - From beginning to end, a volatile three-hour-plus House of Representatives subcommittee hearing last week exposed sharp rifts between Republican and Democratic Congress members over energy regulations, climate change, and the value of President Barack Obama's recently announced Climate Action Plan. <http://cen.acs.org/articles/91/i38/Congress-Debates-Climate-Action-Plan.html>

**New Scientist - Green energy pays for itself in lives saved from smog** - 9/22/13 - Switching to clean energy might seem like the expensive option, but it would pay for itself almost immediately, according to a new analysis. The reason? Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels will cut air pollution, saving lives and therefore money. <http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn24246-green-energy-pays-for-itself-in-lives-saved-from-smog.html>

**Christian Science Monitor - Obama proposes cuts in power plant CO2 emissions to tackle climate change** - 9/20/13 - The EPA spoke of the health and other benefits of reining in climate change through reduced CO2 emissions, while utility industry officials decry a 'war on coal' that will cost jobs and raise electric rates. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2013/0920/Obama-proposes-cuts-in-power-plant-CO2-emissions-to-tackle-climate-change>

**Reuters - Scientists set to prepare strongest warning that warming man-made** - 9/22/13 - Scientists meet on Monday to prepare the strongest warning yet that climate change is man-made and will cause more heatwaves, droughts and floods this century unless governments take action. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/09/22/us-climate-ipcc-idUSBRE98L0KD20130922>

**Inside Climate - EPA Claims New Power Plant Emission Regs Offer Lifeline to Coal** - 9/23/13 - Technology to capture and store carbon seen as indispensable for coal to compete with cleaner natural gas in a low-carbon era. <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130923/epa-claims-new-power-plant-emission-regs-offer-lifeline-coal>

**Wall Street Journal (blog) -Six Myths About Renewable Energy** - 9/22/13 - The country has been debating renewable energy for decades—how much we should support it, what place it should have in our energy policy, how big an impact it actually has. Many of the debating points we hear today are based on outdated facts and assumptions that don't hold up anymore. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324432404579052900100464562.html>

**Inside Climate - Most U.S. Companies Ignoring SEC Rule to Disclose Climate Risks** - 9/19/13 - Only 27 percent of publicly traded companies even mention 'climate change' in their annual reports, finds new data. <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130919/most-us-companies-ignoring-sec-rule-disclose-climate-risks>

**BNA - Seventh Circuit Rejects EPA Petition For Rehearing in New Source Review Case** - 9/21/13 - A federal appeals court denied a request by the Environmental Protection Agency to rehear a July ruling that said the government's lawsuit alleging new source review violations by a Midwest utility was filed beyond the five-year statute of limitations. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36648190&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x7m5a8&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36648190&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x7m5a8&split=0)

**BNA - House Passes Continuing Resolution To Fund Government Until Mid-December** - 9/21/13 - House Republicans set the stage for a showdown with Senate Democrats over fiscal issues in the coming weeks by approving a temporary spending measure that would defund the Affordable Care Act and revealing additional details about a Republican-focused debt limit package that House leaders plan to propose the week of Sept. 23. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36648184&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x2j5w7&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36648184&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x2j5w7&split=0)

**BNA - EPA Proposal to Limit Greenhouse Gases Allows Options for Power Plant Compliance** - 9/21/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency said Sept. 20 it is proposing carbon dioxide limits for new power plants that will set separate standards for coal-fired and natural gas-fired generating units. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36648166&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1b3h0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36648166&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1b3h0&split=0)

**BNA - Industry, Environmental Groups Clash Over Feasibility of EPA Power Plant Rule** - 9/21/13 - Environmental groups praise the EPA's proposal as protective of human health and the environment, while industry groups argue it is not economically feasible. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36648173&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1m1c4&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36648173&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1m1c4&split=0)



**BNB - Mayors, Local Officials Urged to Lead Efforts to Withstand Climate Change Effects** - 9/21/13 - The leader of the Resilient Communities for America Campaign says local officials should take the lead in making their communities more resilient to climate change. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36648182&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1x6r1&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36648182&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1x6r1&split=0)

**BNB - Power Plant Proposal Fails to Show Carbon Capture is Viable, Attorneys Say** - 9/21/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed carbon limits for new power plants rely too heavily on the experience of one facility to show that carbon capture systems are commercially viable, attorneys cautioned Sept. 20. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36648179&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1v9q0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36648179&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1v9q0&split=0)

**BNB - Republicans Prepared to Battle EPA Rule On Power Plant Emissions With Legislation** - 9/21/13 - Senior congressional Republicans condemn the EPA's proposed carbon dioxide emissions standards for new power plants. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36648175&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1u0a6&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36648175&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x1u0a6&split=0)

**BNB - Gulf Spill Cleanup Workers at Risk For Disorders of Blood, Liver, Study Finds** - 9/21/13 - Workers who participated in the cleanup of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill and were exposed to crude oil and chemical dispersants are at an elevated risk of developing liver and blood disorders, according to an American Journal of Medicine study published online Sept. 18. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36648192&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x7n1c4&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36648192&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1x7n1c4&split=0)

**Inside EPA - EPA Oil & Gas NSPS Revisions Slated For Promulgation** - 9/20/13 - EPA is poised to formally promulgate final revisions to a series of emissions requirements for storage tanks on oil and natural gas sites. <http://insideepa.com/201309202447589/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-oil-a-gas-nsps-revisions-slanted-for-promulgation/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - Industry-Funded Researchers Propose Cr6 Risk Level Weaker Than EPA Limit** - 9/20/13 - A group of industry-funded researchers is proposing a risk level for hexavalent chromium (Cr6) in drinking water that is weaker than EPA's drinking water standard for total chromium. <http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-09/23/2013/industry-funded-researchers-propose-cr6-risk-level-weaker-than-epa-limit/menu-id-127.html>

**Inside EPA - Utilities Fight States' Push To Block New EPA Water Loan Fund In Corps Bill** - 9/20/13 - The drinking water sector is resisting states' recent efforts to kill Senate-approved legislation to create a pilot EPA program that would direct water infrastructure loans to large municipalities. <http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-09/23/2013/utilities-fight-states-push-to-block-new-epa-water-loan-fund-in-corps-bill/menu-id-127.html>

**Inside EPA - Environmentalists Seek To Intervene In Litigation Over CAFO Data Releases** - 9/20/13 - Environmentalists are seeking to intervene in a case testing whether owners and operators of concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) can qualify for exemptions from federal information disclosure requirements. <http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-09/23/2013/environmentalists-seek-to-intervene-in-litigation-over-cafo-data-releases/menu-id-127.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Seeks To Ease Groundwater Cleanup Policy Following NAS Report** - 9/20/13 - EPA's Superfund office is planning to ease its policy that favors cleanup of contaminated groundwater to meet strict drinking water standards, with a top official saying the agency plans to consult with states on whether or how to weigh groundwater uses when setting cleanup objectives. <http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-09/23/2013/epa-seeks-to-ease-groundwater-cleanup-policy-following-nas-report/menu-id-127.html>

**Inside EPA - Scrapped Coal Plants Spur EPA To Drop NSPS Transitional Unit Exemption** - 9/20/13 - EPA's revised climate new source performance standard (NSPS) for future power plants drops an exemption for "transitional" coal-fired units from having to meet carbon capture mandates included in an earlier version of the rule. <http://insideepa.com/201309212447627/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/scrapped-coal-plants-spur-epa-to-drop-nsps-transitional-unit-exemption/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - With EPA Climate Rule On Stronger Footing, NAM Seeks Narrow Air Act Fixes** - 9/20/13 - Industry groups are conceding that EPA's repropose greenhouse gas (GHG) rule for new power plants includes a more robust technical and legal basis for the policy than an earlier version. <http://insideepa.com/201309212447628/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/with-epa-climate-rule-on-stronger-footing-nam-seeks-narrow-air-act-fixes/menu-id-95.html>

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## **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

## **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

## **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**10/2/13** - Quaker Oats WasteWise Event, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**10/2/13** - Bridgeton Update with Sara Parker Pauley and Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, Jefferson City, Mo., Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

**10/3/13** - 2013 TMDL 4-State Conference, Regional Office. Contact: John DeLashmit, 7821

**10/31/13** - RA Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**10/8/13** – Children’s Health Month – EJ Small Grants Kick-Off Event, TBD. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

**10/10/13** – Choteau Gateway Discussion with St. Louis Mayor, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**10/15/13** - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**10/29-30/13** - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**11/15/13** – R7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

## **DRA:**

**10/07/13** - National SPCC Training Conference, Regional Office Contact: Margaret Stockdale, 7936

**10/09/13** - Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Regional Office Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

**10/29-30/13** - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference - Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**10/31 –11/1/13** - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

## **RA/Immediate Office**

None

## **Other Events**

### **AWMD**

None

### **CNSL**

None

### **ECO/EJ**

**9/24 - 25/13** – EJ Small Grant Coordinators Workshop, Arlington, Va. Contact: Brendan Corazzin, 7429

**10/9/13** – Black Health Care Coalition EJ Small Grant Kick Off, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

**11/1/2013** – EJ Presentation at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

### **ENSV**

None

### **PLMG**

None

### **RA/OPA**

**9/24/13** – Attend CAG meeting for West Lake Landfill Superfund site, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364, Debbie Kring, 7725

### **SUPR**

**\*10/22-23/13** – Regional Response Team Fall Meeting with Federal and State partners, TLC. Contact: Janice Kroone, 7005

### **WWPD**

**\*9/20/13** – Water Classification Workgroup meeting and New Ammonia Criteria meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

**9/22-26/13** – Ground Water Protection Council meeting with other state Primacy Agencies, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen-Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

**9/23/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447



**9/18/13** – Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and Lead Hazard Disclosure Presentation, Missouri Association of Code Enforcement, Lake Ozark, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

**9/24/13** – Metropolitan Sewer District Consent Decree Update, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Jodi Bruno, 7810

**9/25/13** - Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Stan Calow, 7410

**\*9/26/13** – Water Resources Coordinating Council, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**9/30/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**\*10/1/13** – Ash Grove Cement Company site visit, Chanute, Kan. Contact: Darin Banks, 7224

**10/3/13** – Iowa Tribes Sanitary Survey, White Cloud, Kan. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

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